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## YEAR BOOK 1925

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### PENNSYLVANIA ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND, Inc.

Headquarters:

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434-436 Boulevard of the Allies (Second Avenue)  
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### LACKAWANNA COUNTY BRANCH

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Harrisburg Welfare Federation Building  
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE TO THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE  
PENNSYLVANIA ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND, INC.

JANUARY 11, 1926

In accordance with the By-Laws of the Pennsylvania Association for the Blind, Inc., I take pleasure as President in submitting my Annual Report of the activities of the Board of Directors of the Association for the year ending December 31.

**Officers** 1925. At the regular February meeting of the Board the following officers were duly elected:—James McA.

Duncan, President; Mrs. Moses Ruslander, First Vice-President; Col. John Dimling, Second Vice-President; John E. Potter, Treasurer; H. R. Latimer, Executive Secretary.

First of all, it is fitting that I express, in the name of your Board and officers,

**Word of Appreciation** very great appreciation of the service and support given the Association by its members, donors, and other friends.

The Board desires also to express its appreciation of the good service rendered during the year by its officers and its several Committees; and extends its cordial commendation for the good services rendered by the executives and employees of its several Branches, and to the blind workers themselves for their loyal co operation.



MR. JAMES McA. DUNCAN  
PRESIDENT

Once again, we are able to report the completion of a "BANNER YEAR." Our receipts for sales for 1925 exceed those of any preceding year, and the amount of money paid over to blind people, in salaries, commissions, wages and aid, as well as the

**Banner Year** indirect business secured for them not actually passing through our books, has been considerably greater than ever before. Our work of preventing unnecessary blindness is comparable to that done during 1924 and we are preparing to launch during 1926 a much more active, state-wide campaign in this direction, including a constructive effort to increase the number of the Association's members, donors, and other friends.

Our application to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for an increase in the appropriation of State funds to enable us to expand the work of the Association and to undertake new activities necessary for the improvement of the condition of the blind of Pennsylvania was not granted by the Legislature and the Governor, but we received the usual State appropriation of \$5,000 a year for the two years ending May 31, 1927. The general interests of the blind of the State have, however, been distinctly advanced by the creation of a COUNCIL FOR THE BLIND operating a Bureau within the State Department of Public Welfare, for the initial operation of which a small appropriation of \$15,000.00 was granted. Mrs. Mary Dranga Campbell, (See page 13) a woman of executive ability and with years of experience in work for the blind has been appointed Executive Director of this Bureau. Copy of the bills creating this Council appears on pages 20-22.

The request in our City of Pittsburgh Budget for an increase from \$20,000.00 to \$22,000.00 for the year 1926 was granted in the usual amount of \$20,000.00 only. The finances of the Association as a whole, as well as of its several Branches, are in somewhat more workable shape than they were a year ago, less money being tied up in raw materials; but there is need for considerable more working capital if we are to operate to advantage.

The SECOND PITTSBURGH WEEK FOR THE BLIND, held at the Wabash Building, April 20th to 24th, inclusive, under the auspices of the Western Pennsylvania School for the Blind and our own Association, was an even greater success than our FIRST WEEK (see page 18) and did much toward spreading a correct knowledge of work for the blind among the people of Pittsburgh and vicinity. This plan of an annual WEEK FOR THE BLIND was first suggested to us and promoted by the American Foundation for the Blind and is one of the many services that organization is rendering our cause throughout the country and Canada. In addition to the publicity gained by the WEEK FOR THE BLIND our Association received in receipts for articles sold at that time and in donations approximately \$5,600.00.

Closely allied with this publicity is that received from the Community Chest Drives held in connection with our Scranton, Wilkes-Barre and Harrisburg Branches during the year and with the TAG DAY held November 21st for the Pittsburgh Workshop. At its September meeting, 1925, our Board voted to hold an annual TAG DAY in Pittsburgh. Should a Community Chest be established here such an event would of course be unnecessary. Our November TAG DAY netted us approximately \$7,700.00, \$1,000.00 of which was allotted to the Social Service Committee of the Association for its special work



of aid and entertainment. No word of commendation is too great for the services rendered by the ladies of this Committee in planning and executing the TAG DAY above mentioned and for those rendered by the Potter Title and Trust Company.

Substantial beginnings have been made in reed and willow basketry and in the manufacture of brushes in the Pittsburgh Workshop during the closing months of 1925, which occupations will furnish employment for additional blind people and will add greater variety to the articles made by our blind workers. Through the assistance of Joseph Clunk, whose services during September and October were available one day per week by courtesy of the Youngstown Society for the Blind, of which Mr. Clunk is Secretary, substantial beginnings have also been made in the placement of a number of our blind people in industries among the seeing. A description of this work will be found elsewhere in this Year Book. It will suffice here to say that our Board of Directors, in conjunction with the Board of Directors of the Western Pennsylvania School for the Blind has engaged the services of one of our blind men, Mr. Guy H. Nickeson, (See page 10) as Placement Agent for the year 1926, which is a logical extension of the work done in soliciting piano tuning and musical engagements for the blind.

At the February meeting, Mr. Lea Hunt, Chairman of our Wilkes-Barre Branch, was elected member of the Board to succeed Mr. W. O. Washburn, resigned, subject to approval at the Annual Meeting. At the regular June meeting of the Board, Mr. Frank A. Keating, of Pittsburgh, was elected to serve out the term of Mrs. James G. Lewis, resigned, term expiring January, 1926. Realizing his inability to attend Board meetings the Rev. E. J. van Etten tendered his resignation as member of the Board, under date of January 5, 1926. The Board accepted his resignation with regret and with his permission elected him a member of the Association's Advisory Board. His successor Mr. W. A. Royster, Jr., was elected at the Annual Meeting January 1926.

Through the generosity of Colonel John Dimling, member of the Board, an imposing ELECTRIC CLOCK has been erected in front of the Association's building, carrying the name, "PITTSBURGH WORKSHOP FOR THE BLIND," and furnishing time for the frequenters of the Boulevard of the Allies and distinctly visible for several blocks east and west of the Association's headquarters. As a piece of practical publicity this clock is invaluable to the work for the blind of Pittsburgh, and the genuine appreciation of the President and Board is here once again extended Colonel Dimling for his generous gift. (See page 2.)



The usual good work of the Association's Social Service Committee, of which Mrs. M. Ruslander, First Vice-President of the Association, is Chairman, has gone on during 1925 in the form of financial and material aid to the blind as well as entertainment. The usual Annual Picnic, held June 17th at Schenley Park, Pittsburgh, was an unusually well attended and happy occasion. The most outstanding service rendered by this Committee this year was, as previously indicated, the careful planning and successful execution of a TAG DAY, proceeds of which not only provide funds for the work of the Committee during 1926, but have substantially reduced the operating deficit in connection with the Association's Pittsburgh Branch.

The Board has consistently followed the policy of keeping in touch, through our Executive Secretary (See page 10) and other members of the staffs of the several Branches, with the most advanced work done by and for the blind in the United States and Canada. In general, if there is any good thing done by or for the blind in other sections of the country we believe it should at least be considered as a possibility with us and we act accordingly, as opportunity permits. Several of our representatives attended the BIENNIAL CONVENTION OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF WORKERS FOR THE BLIND held at Hudson, Ohio, June, 1925, and the Executive Secretary has attended during the year meetings of the AMERICAN FOUNDATION FOR THE BLIND, of the NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR THE PREVENTION OF BLINDNESS, of the CONFERENCE OF EXECUTIVES OF COMMISSIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS for the blind and of other organizations working toward an improved standard of life for the blind generally.

In conclusion, it is with feelings of confidence that we look forward to greater things for the blind of Pennsylvania during the year 1926. Our two prospective constructive campaigns, that for the prevention of unnecessary blindness, including the increase of enrollment of members and donors, and that for the placement of many of our blind people in industries among the seeing, should make the coming year a bright spot in the history of the Pennsylvania Association for the Blind, Inc.; while the new COUNCIL FOR THE BLIND, under the State Department of Public Welfare, is reasonably expected to mark an era in work for the blind in Pennsylvania.

JAMES McA. DUNCAN.  
President.

## REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY—(See page 10).

In presenting this my fifth annual report, I beg to express my appreciation to the President of the Pennsylvania Association for the Blind, Inc., to its Board of Directors, members and friends for their helpful direction and co-operation in the conduct of our work. To the staff of the Association and to those of the several Branches as well as to our blind workers I extend my cordial commendation for the spirit of co-operation which has contributed so largely toward making 1925 another best year in the history of our Association.

In any philanthropic work, but especially in our own, it is extremely difficult to realize in any full measure the extent of the valuable service rendered the cause by those who give their time and service free of charge. The least we can do is to make such invaluable friends feel our sincere appreciation of this sort of service, and your Executive Secretary and other staff officers take great pleasure in expressing such appreciation whenever opportunity affords. For a list of the Clubs and other organizations rendering voluntary service during 1925 (See page 54) and it is opportune here to express our cordial thanks to them and to assure them of our desire for the continuance of their excellent service.

The Association's Social Service Committee and its special Sub-Committee on Entertainment have done their part as usual in providing aid and entertainment to the blind thru-out the year. The net amount expended during the year 1925 for these purposes, exclusive of personal service and of clothing and other donations was \$845.30 in addition to the work of the Committee as a whole, the individual members have rendered invaluable service in many other directions especially in connection with the SECOND PITTSBURGH WEEK FOR THE BLIND, held in the Wabash Building, April 20th to 24th inclusive.

This WEEK FOR THE BLIND (See page 28) under the joint direction of the Western Pennsylvania School for the Blind and the Pennsylvania Association for the Blind, Inc., with Mrs. William Frew as General Chairman, provided unparalleled educational publicity of work for the blind in Western Pennsylvania, and is, we believe, destined to be a permanent annual event. As far as practicable every religious organization and Club of Pittsburgh and vicinity takes part on this occasion.

Thru the advice and assistance of Mr. Joseph C. Clunk, Secretary of the Youngstown Society for the Blind, we have made a substantial beginning in the placement of our blind people in industries among the seeing and in private business enterprises, and Mr. Guy H. Nickeson, (See page 10) who trained under Mr. Clunk, has been placed in charge of this work for 1926.

Pittsburgh's business men have been very co-operative with us in our efforts to place our blind workers with them and it is gratifying to report that the Graham Nut & Bolt Company is employing one of our men; Hubbard and Company, (See page 25) two men; Oliver Iron and Steel Company, one man; while Dilworth and Porter has permitted (See page 25) us to establish one of our men in a FOOD STAND within their plant, where he is earning his living selling such articles of food and merchandise as are called for by the employees. It will suffice here to say that thru the efforts of Mr. Nickeson the Association thru this Department has been able to secure to the blind for services rendered approximately \$6,400.00 practically none of which appears on the Association's books and to accomplish which the Association has spent less than \$1,200.00, over a \$1,000.00 of which went as salary to the blind soliciting work.

Mr. Nickeson has continued his work of soliciting piano tuning and musical engagements (See page 24) for our blind people without charge to them and the Pittsburgh Board of Piano Tuning and Music Education has once again recognized the ability of our blind piano tuners by employing one of them to assist in keeping the public school pianos in order.

An interesting development in our Lyceum of Music for the year just past is the organization of an Orchestra of blind musicians for entertainment and profit by a totally blind Director, Mr. Clarence James Grogan, of Wilkinsburg, Pa. This organization is known as THE PABLOM ORCHESTRA, and its individual members and other blind musicians as the PABLOM ARTISTS, the name being derived from the initial letters of "Pennsylvania Association Blind, Lyceum Of Music." These entertainers are open at all times for engagements at reasonable rates.

The following is an excerpt from an article appearing in The Congress Outlet of February, 1926, written by Mr. Wesley C. Stevens.

Publicity Agent of the Pennsylvania Association for the Blind, himself blind (See page 10). "Mr. Clarence Grogan, the organizer of the PABLOM ORCHESTRA of blind musicians, himself blind, was born in Camden, Ala., nearly thirty-nine years ago, and has been blind since birth. His earliest inclinations were toward music; he was able to play on the piano at the age of three years; by the time he was four, he could play twelve melodies, and at seven he was a prominent figure in local entertainments. His parents were poor, but his high musical ability won friends everywhere. In his childhood, some wealthy people gave him a piano and a guitar.

At the Alabama School for the Blind, Mr. Grogan received training on every variety of musical instrument in use. He sets the greatest possible value on this course, for though he later went far beyond it, yet it gave him the foundation on which he built



**H. R. LATIMER, Ph. B.**

Executive Secretary of the Pennsylvania Association for the Blind, Inc., and a member of the Board of Corporators of the Western Pennsylvania School for the Blind.  
(Blind—has light perception.)



**HON. HENRY E. LANUS**

Field Representative of the Pennsylvania Association for the Blind, Inc., for the Lions Clubs Campaign. State Senator from York County, Pa.  
(Blind)



**WESLEY C. STEVENS**

Publicity Representative of the Pennsylvania Association for the Blind, Inc., and of the Western Pennsylvania School for the Blind.  
(Blind—sees to distinguish objects)



**GUY H. NICKESON**

Employment Agent of the Pennsylvania Association for the Blind, Inc., and of the Western Pennsylvania School for the Blind.  
(Blind—sees to distinguish objects)





**FRANCES S. GRAVES**  
 Superintendent of the Lackawanna  
 County Branch of the Pennsylvania  
 Association for the Blind, Inc.  
 (Blind)



**MISS B. ARLINE PHILLIPS**  
 Secretary of the Wilkes-Barre Branch of the  
 Pennsylvania Association for the Blind, Inc.  
 (Blind)



**MISS M. PEARL MASON**  
 Supervisor of the Dauphin County Branch of the  
 Pennsylvania Association for the Blind, Inc.  
 (Blind—sees to distinguish objects)



**HARRY L. GLICKSON**  
 Supervisor of the Men's Department of the  
 Pittsburgh Workshop of the Pennsylvania  
 Association for the Blind, Inc. (Blind—sees to  
 puzzle out ordinary print at very close range)

firmly, and without which no later instruction would have been of real benefit. After his graduation from the school, he continued his musical studies, working under some of the greatest professors of Europe, among whom was the head of the Royal Academy at Leipsig, Germany, one of the greatest of musical centers. He had all but completed preparations for a European tour when the death of his father made the event impossible.

Instead he made his appearance in the theatrical world. One success followed another, and he came before the public again and again, both in vaudeville and as a concert performer.

His greatest success, however, came while he was playing in Washington, D. C., some sixteen years ago, when he met Miss Ethel Clerise. Miss Clerise was appearing as a harpist, having studied with the head of the Royal Academy in London. The natural love of these two artistic souls for music was a strong bond between them from the beginning. Acquaintance blossomed into courtship, and courtship into marriage.

"I was in darkness, and alone," says Mr. Grogan, "and she brought light and companionship into my life." Mr. Grogan gave up the footlights for a home, but he and Mrs. Grogan did not give up music. Instead they came to Pittsburgh and built up the Metropolitan College of Music, which comprises three studios and nearly three hundred pupils."

During 1925 our most important work of preventing unnecessary blindness has gone on just about as in previous years. (See pages 14-15). The cases of eye trouble treated in the  
**Prevention** Dispensaries and by the Oculists, thru the urgent in-  
**of** sistence of our Registered Nurse is somewhat greater  
**Blindness** that those treated in 1924. The new cases treated,  
numbering one hundred and eighty-nine and the old  
cases continuing for treatment, fifty-nine, totaling two hundred and  
forty-eight. It is with much gratification that we look forward  
to much greater results during 1926 in preventing unnecessary  
blindness. The Lions' Clubs of Pennsylvania have agreed to under-  
write the expenses of an active state-wide campaign, which will  
keep a speaker constantly in the field in an effort to bring home  
to the public generally and individually the great importance of  
taking proper care of the eyes. The services of Honorable Henry  
E. Lanus, (See page 10) the State Senator from York County,  
himself blind, has been secured as Field Representative for the  
conduct of this CAMPAIGN. This campaign will likewise include  
an effort to enlarge the membership of the Pennsylvania Association  
for the Blind and to thus secure funds to continue the campaign  
for another year and to do other important work for the blind so  
greatly needed here in Pennsylvania.



The following article by H. R. Latimer taken from the Outlook for the Blind, March 1926, bears upon this subject

“Sympathetic charity, inevitably hot and cold by turn, according to the knowledge and temperament of the dispenser, and consequently often pernicious in its results to the recipient, is slowly but surely giving place to a wholesome, constructive philanthropy which, while it provides for present and prospective needs, also provides in a divinely human way, against the recurrence of such needs by eliminating the cause underlying the condition. Thus it is in work for the blind, while greater opportunity for the blind to do for themselves is being opened daily to these worthy citizens. Indeed, constructive philanthropy is going further than this by taking steps with greater success each year, to remove such causes as produce unnecessary blindness. State commissions for the blind generally, and other organizations desired for their betterment, are paying more and more attention to the prevention of blindness than formerly, at the same time that they are giving no less attention to the welfare of those already blinded and thus removed beyond the pale of that merciful salvation offered by preventive measures.

“The Pennsylvania Association for the Blind has for several years, to the extent which its limited funds have permitted, conducted an active campaign for the prevention of blindness; for the employment of blind; and for relief of aged and disabled blind. This work has of necessity been confined in the main to the particular localities in which the Association has established centers for the blind, little work being done worthy of mention of a genuinely statewide nature.

“Now comes the realization of our dreams. In July, 1925, the Lions' International decided to make work for the blind their major activity. Since this action was taken, as well as before, individual Lions' Clubs all over the country have been interested, in greater or in less degree, in work for the blind. For example, the Lions' Club of Cincinnati is backing an enterprise by which it is possible to furnish every blind child in the country with an interesting magazine in the Braille system; and many of the Lions' Clubs in other states are already furnishing this magazine to the blind pupils in their state schools. Every such activity on the part of individual clubs for individual club members is warmly received by those interested in work for the blind.

“But perhaps the greatest opportunity for service yet placed before the Lions is that offered by the Lions' Club of Pennsylvania in conjunction with the Pennsylvania Association for the Blind, Inc. The two organizations are just now getting together on the most interesting and promising project. The Lions Clubs of Pennsyl-

## CHRIST HEALING THE BLIND MAN



“NEITHER HATH THIS MAN SINNED, NOR HIS PARENTS: BUT THAT THE WORKS OF GOD SHOULD BE MADE MANIFEST IN HIM.” (ST. JOHN, IX, NO. 3)

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No More Babies Blind from Sore Eyes



SIGHT SAVING CLASS IN PUBLIC SCHOOL

vania, some fifty or more in all, have agreed to underwrite for the Association an active whirlwind campaign for the prevention of blindness, the welfare of the blind, and to these ends, an increased enrollment in the membership and donors of the Pennsylvania Association for the Blind. Mr. W. A. Royston, of Royston and Company, Pittsburgh, Pa., is the Chairman of the Lions' State Committee in charge of this work, and Honorable Henry E. Lanius, State Senator from York County, Pa., has been chosen as Field Representative to carry the campaign throughout the State. Each Lions' Club will prepare the way in its own community for the presentation of the work by Senator Lanius, and will also do the necessary follow-up work in its community to make the campaign effective. The idea of the campaign, as well as the result to be obtained, have taken deep hold among the Lions of Pennsylvania, and they unhesitatingly declare that they are in the work to a finish.

"It is unquestionably a Lion sized job, and the Lions are the men who can and will do it."

The growth of business in the Pittsburgh Workshop has been marked during 1925, basketry and brush-making (See page 27) having been added to the lines of work previously followed in this Branch of the Association. Distinct **Growth of Business** progress has been made in the Lackawanna County, Wilkes-Barre, and Dauphin County Branches. More detailed accounts of which see pages 31-34-38. The receipts for sales of articles made in the Pittsburgh Branch have increased materially. due to the greater publicity resulting from our SECOND WEEK FOR THE BLIND. These receipts in 1924 were approximately \$80,300.00 and in 1925, \$83,300.00, while the amount received by the blind in salaries, commissions, wages and aid, thru the Association's Pittsburgh activities inclusive of the work of Mr. Nickeson's Department above referred to has increased in an even greater proportion.

Our output of brooms and mops has been slightly greater than that of last year, 7,714 dozen brooms and 1,107 dozen mops (See page 30) having been made during 1925. Which in light of the miserable state of the market during the latter part of 1925, is a very good showing.

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### THE FLYING DUTCHMAN (See page 23)

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An interestingly human story is that of Carl Blumen, known to his fellows as the "Flying Dutchman." Carl came to the Association at its beginning sixteen years ago and has been a faithful, loyal worker during all these years.

For some years, the Joseph Horne Company has extended to us the courtesy of their delivery service, and it is one of Carl's



numerous jobs to take to Horne's Store the packages which we wish them to deliver, packages which, incidentally, are often abnormally heavy and bulky. How he does it is a mystery, but he can take some half dozen of these parcels with perfect safety to both himself and the parcels.

This and other work requiring our Carl to travel about a great deal, has made him known to all the policemen, and he is on good terms with the entire force. He is known by every traffic officer. This daily journeying of his about the city shows a most sterling side of the man's character. His sight is not good; he is not fast on his feet; he knows how great are the chances of accident for he has had more than one mishap. Yet day after day he goes out into the most congested parts of the city, without thought for himself, concerned only that the work allotted to him shall be done well.

There is another angle to the prowlings about of this little man, which, to the staff and workers of the Pennsylvania Association for the Blind, is more interesting and more necessary than any other. When he takes packages to the Horne Store, it means that soon some of our fifty-odd blind women out in the state will receive material which in their homes they will make into scarfs, aprons, table-mats and other articles which will be sold from our salesroom or perhaps by some club member of the Congress interested in our work and this is important. When, in answer to a telephone call, he goes to the East End or the North Side, it means that we are to receive some carpet rags which our blind weavers will presently weave into rugs, and this also is important.

His club, too, the Pittsburgh Club for Blind Men, an organization of independent blind men, eager to help themselves and each other, has recognized his worth by twice returning him among its officers as sergeant-at-arms.

So he is known to his fellow club members and to his co-workers; and there are weavers out in the state, blind men who came to a strange city and were given the comfort of a home, who swear by Carl and his mother. When men come here for instruction in some trade by which they can earn a living, one of our duties is to find board and lodging for them, for we have no living quarters connected with our building. For a time Carl and his mother have been undertaking this work, and those strangers who come to us are delighted with the comforts thus provided for them.

We have briefly sketched for you a man at his work and among his friends, and those who have seen his home life tell us that it is all that can be desired. We feel that he deserves the honest admiration of everyone who appreciates a fight against odds, or who respects the unfaltering performance of duty. We do not claim for him fame, undue cleverness, or lavish accomplishments, but we are sure that he makes the most of what he has, which is the essence of heroism as well as of success.

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, PENNSYLVANIA STATE COUNCIL FOR THE BLIND

Written by H. R. Latimer for the Outlook for the Blind, March 1926.

Pennsylvania took a stride forward in work for the blind when, on January 4, 1926, Mary Dranga Campbell assumed office in Harrisburg as the first Executive Director of the newly-created Council for the Blind, under the State Department of Welfare.

This Council is empowered to supervise, co-operate, and supplement work for the blind in Pennsylvania, availing itself, in so doing, as far as possible, of the experience and service of the organizations for the blind already in existence. The purposes and reasons lying back of the creation of the Council are to be found in the Report of the Commission to Study the Conditions Relating to Blind Persons in Pennsylvania, copy of which may be had upon application to Mrs. Campbell.



MARY DRANGA CAMPBELL  
Executive Director

It is a matter of interest, especially to workers of the blind, that the man, chiefly responsible for the passage of the bill creating this Council, is none other than the Honorable Henry E. Lanius, Senator from York County, himself blind and the sponsor of no little legislation of moment to the blind of his State.

The subject of this sketch, Mary Dranga, was born in Southern California, receiving her early education in the public schools of San Diego. At the age of sixteen, she removed to Boston, Massachusetts, where she pursued a four years' classical course in the Girls' Latin School of that city. She continued her classical studies at the Leland Stanford University from 1900 to 1903, with special emphasis upon library training. During this time, she received



a certificate for library work from the University of California and found time to organize the Public Library at Healdsburg, California. She continued her library work from 1903 to 1909 as Head Cataloger in the Indiana State University.

In 1909 and 1910, she did social work in Pittsburgh and Chicago, taking her diploma in 1909 from the Chicago School of Civics and Philanthropy. The same summer, Miss Dranga received a Fellowship which enabled her to take a special course offered by the Eugenics Record Office and given at the Carnegie Station for Experimental Evolution, Cold Spring Harbor, Long Island. She served as the first field agent of the former organization and, as such, was associated, at the Chicago Court Building, with Dr. William Healy, Director of the Juvenile Psychopathic Institute. She was next instrumental in re-opening the investigation, in Indianapolis and vicinity, of the Tribe of Ishmael, a pauper group not unlike that of the famous Jukes Family.

Upon the death of her sister, Mrs. Wilhelmina Dranga Campbell, in 1911, Miss Dranga gave up her position to take charge of the children; and, in 1912, was married to Mr. Charles F. F. Campbell, son of the well-known Sir Francis Campbell, who founded the Royal Normal College for the Blind, at Upper Norwood, London, England. Thus, by her marriage, she was brought into close contact with work for the blind, which contact she has maintained almost constantly until this time. From 1912 till 1916, she was in close touch with Mr. Campbell's work as Secretary of the Ohio State Commission for the Blind, and was Assistant Superintendent under him, from 1916 till 1918, of the Ohio State School for the Blind, and Acting Superintendent the following year. From 1912 to 1919, she was Co-Editor with Mr. Campbell, and Business Manager of the Outlook for the Blind; and was Co-Editor and compiler, in 1916, of the Directory of Institutions for the Blind in the United States and Canada. She also assisted Mr. Campbell in his work as Secretary of the American Association of Workers for the Blind, attending many conventions of this organization, as well as of its sister body, the American Association of Instructors of the Blind. Thus, she has visited the majority of institutions for the blind in America and abroad, including the International Conference for the Blind, held in London in 1914. So keen has been her interest in the work and so intelligent her grasp of all questions connected with it, that Mrs. Campbell is generally recognized as one of the leading workers for the blind in America.

Lured by the opportunity afforded by post-war overseas service, Mrs. Campbell went abroad, in 1919, as a member of the Servian Child Welfare Association of America, and later became Director of the Child Welfare Department of that organization in Serbia, with headquarters at Belgrade. As such, she had charge of the financial assistance given monthly to five thousand Serbian orphans in family homes, and of the aid the Americans gave in rebuilding the Elementary Schools of Serbia, in recognition of which she was

twice decorated by the Yugoslav Government. This work carried her, in 1920 and 1921, to Geneva to International Conferences on Child Welfare, where she also, unofficially, represented the Yugoslav Government Child Welfare Department. In 1921 and 1922 she made investigations in Austria and Hungary for the National Information Bureau of New York. Continuing her study of institutions for the blind, begun during her visit to England in 1914, she spent the year 1922 in travel and study and visited institutions for the blind in the Balkans, Austria, France, Norway and England. Since her return to America in November, 1922, she has spent much of her time lecturing on Jugoslavia.

Mrs. Campbell's home is in Pittsburgh with her sister, Dr. Amelia A. Dranga; she is a member of the Congregational Church, a member of Delta Zeta Fraternity and is actively identified with many local and national philanthropic and quasi-philanthropic organizations.

As Executive Director of the Pennsylvania State Council for the Blind, Mrs. Campbell will have opportunity to exercise, to the full, the native intelligence, exceptional education, and unusual executive ability, which have characterized her every activity; and it is with hope and confidence that those interested in the welfare of Pennsylvania's blind look forward to the work of the Council for the Blind under her management.

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## AN ACT, No. 662

### MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF WELFARE FOR THE STATE COUNCIL FOR THE BLIND

Section 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, that the sum of thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000) or so much thereof as may be necessary is hereby specifically appropriated to the Department of Welfare to organize and maintain in connection with said Department a State Council for the Blind as a departmental administrative board within said Department and for the payment of salaries, compensation and traveling expenses of a director, supervisors, clerks, and stenographers and expenses in connection with meetings of the Council

Payments from said appropriation shall be made by warrant of the Auditor General on the State Treasurer after requisition therefor by the Secretary of Welfare in the usual manner.

(This appropriation was cut by Governor Pinchot to \$15,000 for the biennium ending May 31, 1927.)

CREATING A STATE COUNCIL FOR THE BLIND AS A  
DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD WITHIN THE  
DEPARTMENT OF WELFARE AND DEFINING ITS POWERS  
AND DUTIES.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, that a State Council for the Blind shall be created as a departmental administrative board within the Department of Welfare. The State Council for Blind shall consist of seven members of whom three shall be the Secretary of Welfare, the Superintendent of Public Instruction and the Secretary of Labor and Industry. The other four members one at least by preference a blind person shall be appointed by the Governor to serve for terms of four years until their successors shall have been appointed and qualified, provided that of the members appointed hereunder two shall be appointed for two years and two shall be appointed for four years. No paid employee of any school, institution or other agency carrying on work for the blind shall be eligible for appointment. Members of the State Council for the Blind shall serve without compensation but shall receive their necessary traveling and other expenses actually incurred in the performance of their duties.

Section 2. The State Council for the Blind shall annually elect from its members a chairman, the Secretary of Welfare shall be the secretary and executive officer of the Council shall adopt its own rules of procedure and shall fix the time of its regular meetings. At least four regular meetings shall be held each year. Special meetings may be called jointly by the chairman of the Council and the secretary shall be called by the chairman on the written request of any three of the appointed members of the Council. A vacancy in the office of any appointed member of the Council shall be filled by the Governor who shall appoint a member for the unexpired term. Four members of the Council shall constitute a quorum.

Section 3. The State Council for the Blind shall have the power and its duties shall be:

(a) To formulate a general policy and program for the prevention of blindness and for the improvement of the condition of the blind in this Commonwealth. Such policy and program shall be modified from time to time as may be found necessary or advisable in the light of improvements in method and practice.

(b) To make recommendations in accordance with such policy and practice to the several executive and administrative departments boards and commissions of this Commonwealth and to any public or private agencies therein which may be in any way concerned with work, with or for the blind.

(c) To co-operate with State and Local agencies both public and private in taking steps to prevent the loss of sight in alleviating the condition of blind persons and persons of impaired vision in extending and improving the education, advisement, training, placement, and conservation of the blind and in promoting their personal, economic, social, and civic well-being.

(d) To act as a means for communicating with other State Agencies, public or private and with national agencies and to co-operate in efforts to procure an enactment of legislation regarding the prevention of blindness the improvement of the blind or the regulation of private agencies for the care of the blind.

(e) To collect, systematize and make available for other agencies information in regard to blind persons and persons of impaired vision in this Commonwealth including their present physical and mental condition, the causes of blindness, and the possibilities of improvement of vision, their financial status and earning capacity for education and vocational training and any other relevant information looking toward the improvement of their condition.

(f) To refer cases of blind persons or problems in relation to the blind or prevention of blindness to such agencies public or private as may be likely to deal most successfully with them.

(g) To encourage the co-operation of all agencies public and private doing work for the blind in this Commonwealth and of agencies whose work is related to the prevention of blindness and

(h) To supervise the expenditure of State appropriations made to such agencies except in cases in which the powers or duties of some other administrative department board or commission.

Section 4. The State Council for the Blind, created by this act within the Department of Welfare shall be and be deemed a departmental administrative board within the State Department and shall be subject in all respects to the laws of this Commonwealth limiting the powers of departmental administrative boards or commissions with regard to the expenditure of money and prescribing the duties of departmental administrative boards with reference to the making of financial reports, the furnishing of financial and budgetary information to the department with which it is connected and the making of biennial reports.



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## THE BLIND IN PROFESSIONS AND



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PIANO TUNING AND REPAIRING



## INDUSTRIES AMONG THE SEEING



ASSEMBLING MACHINE PARTS IN A FACTORY



A SMALL STORE OR STAND

## BLIND PEOPLE IN



MOP MAKING, MACHINE SEWING, CROCHETING



WEAVING

## TRADES AND HANDICRAFT



SEVERAL STYLES OF CHAIR SEATING



BASKETRY AND BRUSH MAKING

## FIRST PITTSBURGH WEEK FOR THE BLIND



Introduced by the American Found



BLIND, WABASH BUILDING, PITTSBURGH, PA.



Foundation for the Blind, December, 1923



WINDOW DISPLAY—BY COURTESY OF C. C. MELLOR CO.



OPERATING ELECTRIC BROOM STITCHER AND MAKING MOPS



It is with pleasure that we submit the following excerpt from the report of Francis S. Graves, Superintendent, (see page 11) of the Lackawanna County Branch of the Pennsylvania Association for the Blind, Inc., to Colonel L. A. Watres, President of the local Board of Directors. The Superintendent feels deeply a sense of gratitude to the members of the Board for the disinterested support and co-operation which they have given him. Out of busy lives they have rendered service not to be measured by the hours spent.

The many friends still perform commendable service by entertaining the blind in their homes and at the Workshop. This entertainment means much to the workers, for many of them are unable to secure for themselves the quality and number of delightful hours of pleasure as these thoughtful and unselfish women afford.

The various Doctors that have given their services thru the year have done a much needed and appreciated work. The financial standing of the Association is assured by the Community Chest. Thru them any feeling of uncertainty has been lessened and the money possibilities have been known.

The office force has contributed faithfully and loyally to the daily execution of the tremendous detail incident to the work.

The American Foundation for the Blind, of which we are members, has afforded much pleasure and profit to many of our blind by donating fourteen or more radios to the blind in the county who would not otherwise possess these useful instruments.

The following is our Committee of Consulting Doctors to whom we are deeply indebted for voluntary services rendered: Dr. Charles Avar, Dr. F. J. Bishop, Dr. J. B. Corser, Dr. F. W. Cross, Dr. John P. Donahoe, Dr. Clarence L. Frey, Dr. F. P. Hollister, Dr. E. B. Shawl. The Prevention of Blindness and the Conservation of Vision has received careful and active attention during the year. The every day work has been carried on with this special thought foremost. A special campaign of prevention was conducted by Mr. Lewis H. Carris, Managing Director of the National Committee for the Prevention of Blindness. Twenty-eight local meetings were arranged for Mr. Carris, at which he made effective talks, frequently using lantern slides to emphasize the importance of his statements. Marked interest in the matter of saving sight was aroused by this series of talks in Scranton and vicinity, and much good is confidently expected to result therefrom.



GIRLS MAKING MOP-HEADS, Scranton, Pa.



MAKING TRAIN ORDER HOOKS, Scranton Pa.

Our Committee on Social Service and Entertainment consisting of Mrs. T. C. Von Storch, Miss Elsa Roos, Miss Minnie Davis and Mrs. Charles Rowland has done good work during the year. More relief has been given to our needy blind than ever before. The need has been great and has been met as far as the means would permit. At Christmas many useful garments were provided for many at home. New garments and used ones were given to the number of six hundred and seventy-two; shoes, forty pairs; tons of coal, nine and one-half, and Poor Board order secured five.

Several delightful entertainments were given throughout the year. Mrs. T. C. Von Storch as Chairman of the Entertainment Committee, did splendid work securing for us some of the best talent in the city.

The Birthday Party to Superintendent Graves at which Mrs. W. D. Boyer and Mrs. W. G. Fulton were hostesses started the season. Miss Katherine Boyer and Miss Frances Fulton gave delightful readings on this occasion.

Colonel and Mrs. Watres again opened their palatial home and grounds for the Annual Picnic at which about one hundred and fifty blind and their friends were entertained.

Mrs. C. W. Rowland of Carbondale, gave a lovely Easter Party to the workers at the Shop, Miss Elsa Roos and Miss Minnie Davis each gave elaborate Christmas parties that were greatly enjoyed.

There were almost daily readings through the year, during the lunch hour, by Miss Davis, Miss Roos and Mrs. Gunster. Those who furnished literary and musical entertainments at various times were as follows: to whom we feel most deeply indebted, as well as to our many other good friends who contributed to our happiness; Mrs. Robert Brandt, Mr. W. G. Jones, Mr. Tarrington Watkins, Mr. Veres, Miss Sinclair, Miss Grabowski, Mr. Hadyn Evans, Mrs. Harold Scragg, Miss Ellen Fulton, and the Harry Madden Quartette.

The present plant of the Lackawanna County Branch of the Pennsylvania Association for the Blind consists of a salesroom, private office for the Superintendent, work room for the women and work room for men. The quarters are warm and comfortable. Chair caning has been the chief industry followed by the blind in Scranton and though it still is the main occupation, new lines are being developed. The making of mops and mop-heads has been added and the coming year will show an active business in this line. Imitation rush (art fibre) for chair seats has been introduced and is meeting with general success. It is likely that we will soon begin the use of genuine rush also. The making of train hooks has for some years been a feature of the work undertaken by this shop alone.

During the year our blind workers have caned 1,967 chairs and our broom salesmen have disposed, on commission 15,242 single brooms and whisks, baskets sold, 231, cane and reed, \$1,091.14, total sales amounting to \$16,010.58. Eighteen men and women were employed at the Shop during the year and fifteen were selling various articles handled by the Association.

Blind in the County, two-hundred and sixteen, deaths eight, new cases twenty-nine, taken to hospitals and oculists twenty-one, sent to St. Joseph's Home, three, sight restored three, glasses furnished three. (See financial statement page 46).

We take pleasure in submitting the following report of Miss Arline Phillips, (See page 11) Secretary of the Wilkes-Barre Branch of the Pennsylvania Association for the Blind, Inc., to Mr. Lea Hunt, President of the local Board of Directors. To the casual observer, it would seem that nothing of particular importance had occurred at the Headquarters of the Wilkes-Barre Branch of the Pennsylvania Association for the Blind during the past year. The clanking looms, the humming machinery, and the type of product are precisely as they have been for the past seven years. But if the observer will look closer, he will see that the workers are more contented, more eager to turn out excellent work, and, if possible more industrious. What is the cause of this increase interest and activity?

On July 1st, employees were given a thirty percent increase in wages, and so pleased are they with the increase that they are showing their appreciation by harder and more efficient work. This increase in wages necessitated a slight advance in the price of the finished product, but, figuring that work done by skilled blind workmen is of a superior quality, our patrons do not object to paying a few extra pennies. A twenty percent commission is paid to all blind salesmen soliciting orders for the Association. It is felt by the Association and by the blind themselves that the increase in wages and high percentage of commission is a long step forward in solving the problem of a living wage.

The blind of our community are fortunate in that the sighted public is genuinely interested in its blind population, extending to them that practical constructive sympathy which helps them to help themselves, earnestly desiring for them the chance and the right to become self respecting and self reliant Citizens.

For the first time in the history of our Branch, our Organization has begun definitely during the past year to work toward the establishment of a Prevention of Blindness Department. This Department is tremendously valuable and we are looking forward with eagerness to its development. In this work the Association is assisted by leading oculists of the city.

Our Home Department, that branch of our work which takes care of our blind women, has shown remarkable progress in 1925. Our sales in this Department for the past year far surpass those of any previous year.

Last but not least, the recreational part of our program is receiving greater attention. Parties were given during the year by the Association, and the annual party given by the Elks was especially fine. Women's Clubs of the city have been most active in promoting this phase of our work.

Summing up the activities of the year they spell progress; and we have but to glance backward over the past twelve months to note development along every line.

The Wilkes-Barre Branch of the Pennsylvania Association for the Blind is a member of the Community Welfare Federation.

It is from the Welfare Federation that the Branch receives its funds to carry on its work. Number of blind employed in the shop, twenty-five; number of blind employed outside the shop, fifteen; number of cases receiving eye treatment, five. (See financial statement pages 47-48).

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## NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR THE PREVENTION OF BLINDNESS.

Mr. Lewis H. Carris, Managing Director of the National Committee for the Prevention of Blindness, not only visited this Branch, lecturing in this vicinity for a week during May, 1925, but made a similar visit to the Association's Lackawanna Branch in October. He likewise spent a week in Pittsburgh in April in connection with the Second Week for the Blind, bringing the importance of preventing blindness and conserving sight to the attention of many groups of interested people.

As we go to press both Mr. Carris and Dr. B. Franklin Royer, Medical Director of the Committee are co-operating with the Pennsylvania Association for the Blind, Inc., in a special campaign for the prevention of blindness, made possible and sponsored by the Lions Clubs of Pennsylvania. Coincident with the launching of this campaign comes the news from Harrisburg that the State Department of Health has recommended, which is tantamount to making it mandatory, the use of prophalactic drops in the eyes of all newborn babes.

Emphasis in this campaign for conservation of vision, is also being laid upon proper lighting facilities in schools, offices and homes, and upon the organization of "Sight Saving Classes" in public schools for children "Not Blind" suffering from impaired vision. (See page 15).





WEAVING ROOM, WILKES-BARRE BRANCH, 35 EAST UNION STREET



BLIND WOMAN BEING TAUGHT TO SEW, ILLUSTRATING THE WORK DONE BY BLIND WOMEN IN THEIR HOMES, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.



A blind man teaching a deaf-blind man to weave, at the Wilkes-Barre Branch of Pennsylvania Association for Blind, Inc., 35 E. Union St., Wilkes-Barre, Pa.



Wilkes-Barre Branch of Pennsylvania Association for Blind, Inc., 35 East Union Street, Wilkes-Barre, Pa. The public is welcome at all times.

The following which we submit with pleasure is the report of Miss M. Pearl Mason, (See page 11), Supervisor of the Dauphin County Branch of the Pennsylvania Association for the Blind, Inc. In reviewing the work done by the Dauphin County Branch of the Pennsylvania Association for the Blind, Inc., this year, we feel there is reason to be justly proud of what has been accomplished. Since moving into our present location at Second and South Streets, the work has grown and expanded to such an extent that it has become necessary to move the workshop proper to the building back of the Welfare Building. This gives space for two work rooms, one for weaving and one for caning, also a stock room and a dining room for the men, using the former quarters for office and salesroom. Four blind men are now regularly employed in the workshop. During the year they have caned five hundred chairs and woven over seven hundred rugs.

The service of the workshop to the community is threefold. It educates the sighted to the abilities of the blind and the possibilities for them. It furnishes employment for industrious and self-respecting blind. It teaches them trades and serves as a point of exchange for their products.

The broom and mop trade affords a good opportunity for salesmanship to a number of blind and partially blind men. This Branch of the Association does not make brooms, but it is instrumental in furnishing blind salesmen brooms made by the Pittsburgh Branch of the Association and turns all commissions over to these salesmen.

Before Christmas one of our men conceived the idea of selling rugs and brooms thru the medium of the markets. A stand was procured at the Broad Street Market where for several market days before Christmas his sales were satisfactory, but as the holidays approached he was informed that the space would be needed. We hope soon to re-establish this line of work for him.

Another industry open to the blind is piano tuning. One of the men employed in the shop is a graduate of the Overbrook School for the Blind, and is also especially trained in piano tuning. Through solicitations during the past year some tuning was procured for him. It is the aim and hope of the Association during the coming year to develop this line of work for him to the extent of at least three pianos per week.

Seven blind women are now working in their homes. These

women have been trained in knitting, crocheting, hand and machine sewing, fancy weaving and basketry. Among the articles they make are rugs, sweaters, scarfs, baby blankets, shoe bags, aprons of all kinds, tea towels, and pot holders. The amount paid these women this year has increased 160% over last year.

The diversity of our work in the Home Department is largely due to the help of Mrs. Anna E. Amberson, of the Home Department of Pittsburgh Branch who spent a week here going over the work with the Supervisor.

An important feature of the work of the Supervisor is visiting the blind in their homes. A number of them are "shut-ins" but most of them are eager to be taught some kind of handicraft. Five hundred and sixty-five visits have been made during the year. Two new cases have been reported, one of whom has been taught the Moon type.

The chief aim in all work for the blind is prevention of blindness and conservation of sight. Thru the efforts of the Association six people have received medical aid for defective vision. Five have been benefited, two receiving glasses.

A partially sighted girl is regularly employed in the salesroom, besides making sales, answering the telephone and receiving orders, she braids rugs, canes chairs and does fancy weaving.

One totally blind girl has been successfully placed as a teacher for a blind child in Harrisburg where she is giving entire satisfaction.

The Harrisburg Lions' Club is sending the "LIONS JUVENILE BRAILLE MONTHLY" to the nine blind children of Dauphin County who read Braille. The magazine will go to their homes and will furnish vacation reading for them. This will prove a boom to these children as there is a scarcity of this literature in Braille, because it is tedious and expensive to produce (See page 56).

The interest of the Lions Clubs' in the blind children of this city has been helpful and gratifying. For the past two summers this organization has furnished cars to convey the children to and from the park in their weekly outings.

One of the most enjoyable affairs ever given for the blind in this city was the boating party and picnic on the island last summer. Mr. H. R. Latimer, Executive Secretary of the Pennsylvania Association for the Blind, Inc., was a guest on this occasion. About thirty-five blind people enjoyed this outing.

The Christmas Matinee performance at the Majestic Theatre, made possible thru the kindness of Mr. Hopkins, to which the employees of the Workshop were invited, was enjoyed by all who attended. The music and clog dancing was especially adapted for their amusement.

Six of our blind people have died during the year, including Mr. Boath who was a general favorite among our men.

No other invitation has ever brought the blind in such close touch with the outside world as the radio. This fact was recognized by the American Foundation for the Blind, and this organization is placing radios in the homes of the blind all over the United States and Canada. Ten of our blind people have received these sets and one has been installed at the Workshop.

The past three summers Miss K. Lenore Watts a partially sighted young woman and a very successful masseuse has given one afternoon each week to the blind children of the city. Under her capable direction these afternoons spent at the park afforded them happiness and a recreation and a measure of physical training.

All of the Women's Clubs of Harrisburg and neighboring towns are now enlisted in behalf of the blind. The Catholic Women's Club and the Camp Hill Civic Club were the first two organizations to take up the work. By collecting and delivering rags, rugs, chairs, and other articles. The Red Cross Motor Corps has saved the Association many dollars this year.

Much publicity and advertising was afforded the Association during the year thru the gift of a booth by Mr. Daniel E. Lucas at the Kiwanis Show where a working exhibit was maintained thru-out the entire week. Exhibits were placed in the Kaufman Store during the Spring Fashion Revue and counters and space were provided by Pomeroy's, Inc., in their store for a six week's sale of our goods.

Our thanks are appreciatively given to all who helped and co-operated in any way however small, in the furtherance of the work accomplished during the year. I desire personally to thank the Officers and members of the Board of our local Branch for the advice and assistance which they have given and without which my efforts would have been much less effective. (Seen financial statement, page 49).





WEAVING ROOM AT HARRISBURG, PA.



A blind woman sewing a rug by hand



A blind woman learning to sew on a machine on her 53rd birthday.

# PENNSYLVANIA ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND, Inc.

## STATEMENT, CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

### EMERGENCY FUND

January 1 to December 31, 1925

Balance, January 1, 1925.....\$ 3,531.25

#### Receipts—

|                                            |            |             |
|--------------------------------------------|------------|-------------|
| Contributions .....                        | \$6,200.40 |             |
| Memberships .....                          | 1,407.00   |             |
| "Tag Day" .....                            | 8,374.74   |             |
| "Quiet Drive" .....                        | 2,394.05   |             |
| Social Service .....                       | 252.30     |             |
| Donation for Workshop Sign and Clock.....  | 808.00     |             |
| Refunds on Radios Purchased for Blind..... | 113.00     |             |
| Repayments from General Fund.....          | 5,000.00   | \$24,549.49 |

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|---------------------|--|-------------|
| Total Receipts..... |  | \$28,080.74 |
|---------------------|--|-------------|

#### Disbursements

#### Dues and Subscriptions:

|                                                     |         |
|-----------------------------------------------------|---------|
| American Foundation for the Blind.....              | \$20.00 |
| St. Barnabas Free Home.....                         | 10.00   |
| Pittsburgh Federation of Social Agencies.....       | 10.00   |
| Public Charities Association.....                   | 5.00    |
| National Committee for Prevention of Blindness..... | 5.00    |
| "The Survey".....                                   | 5.00    |
| "Broom and Broom Corn News".....                    | 1.00    |
| Pennsylvania Conference on Social Welfare.....      | 1.00    |
| Christmas Seals .....                               | 2.00    |

#### Aid and Entertainment:

|                                                     |           |             |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------|-------------|
| Employees, Pittsburgh Workshop.....                 | \$ 613.38 |             |
| Sundry Individuals.....                             | 231.92    |             |
| Christmas Gifts to Employees.....                   | 224.00    |             |
| Prize Essay, 1924.....                              | 100.00    |             |
| Prize Essay, 1925.....                              | 100.00    |             |
| Workshop Sign and Clock.....                        | 808.00    |             |
| Placement Work .....                                | 200.00    |             |
| Tag Day Expense .....                               | 563.39    |             |
| Advanced for Radios for Blind.....                  | 113.00    |             |
| Membership Commission Paid to Blind Solicitors..... | 7.60      |             |
| Miscellaneous Expense.....                          | 29.12     |             |
| Advanced to General Fund.....                       | 23,425.61 | \$26,475.02 |

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|-----------------------------------------------|--|-------------|
| Balance, Emergency Fund, January 1, 1926..... |  | \$ 1,605.72 |
|-----------------------------------------------|--|-------------|

# PENNSYLVANIA ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND, Inc.

Including Pittsburgh Branch and Exclusive of Other Branches

## BALANCE SHEET

January 1, 1926

### Assets

#### Cash—

|                          |           |             |
|--------------------------|-----------|-------------|
| General Fund . . . . .   | \$ 927.46 |             |
| Emergency Fund . . . . . | 1,605.72  |             |
|                          | <hr/>     | \$ 2,533.18 |

#### Accounts Receivable—

|                                                  |             |             |
|--------------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Customers' Balances . . . . .                    | \$ 9,209.52 |             |
| Less: Reserve for Doubtful Collections . . . . . | 148.56      |             |
|                                                  | <hr/>       | \$ 9,060.96 |

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|-------------------------------------------------|-------|----------|
| Advances to Employees on Typewriter % . . . . . | 11.50 |          |
|                                                 | <hr/> | 9,072.46 |

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|-----------------------|-----------|
| Inventories . . . . . | 21,007.21 |
|-----------------------|-----------|

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|------------------------------------------|----------|
| State Appropriation Receivable . . . . . | 1,666.67 |
|------------------------------------------|----------|

|                                    |           |
|------------------------------------|-----------|
| Real Estate and Building . . . . . | 73,283.83 |
|------------------------------------|-----------|

|                                         |          |
|-----------------------------------------|----------|
| Furniture and Equipment (Net) . . . . . | 6,184.26 |
|-----------------------------------------|----------|

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|------------------------|--------------------|
| Total Assets . . . . . | <hr/> \$113,747.61 |
|------------------------|--------------------|

### Liabilities and Net Worth

|                         |              |
|-------------------------|--------------|
| Notes Payable . . . . . | \$ 10,000.00 |
|-------------------------|--------------|

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|----------------------------|----------|
| Accounts Payable . . . . . | 4,502.45 |
|----------------------------|----------|

|                                          |          |
|------------------------------------------|----------|
| Mellon-Torrance Placement Fund . . . . . | \$200.00 |
|------------------------------------------|----------|

|                                                |       |        |
|------------------------------------------------|-------|--------|
| Less: Placement Expense Not Refunded . . . . . | 96.03 | 103.97 |
|------------------------------------------------|-------|--------|

|                             |                    |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| Total Liabilities . . . . . | <hr/> \$ 14,606.42 |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|

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|---------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Excess of Assets Over Liabilities . . . . . | 99,141.19 |
|---------------------------------------------|-----------|

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|-------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Total Liabilities and Net Worth . . . . . | <hr/> \$113,747.61 |
|-------------------------------------------|--------------------|

# PENNSYLVANIA ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND, Inc.

Including Pittsburgh Branch and Exclusive of Other Branches

## STATEMENT, INCOME AND EXPENSE

January 1 to December 31, 1925

### Income—

|                                                             |             |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| City of Pittsburgh, Appropriation (One Year).....           | \$20,000.00 |
| Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Appropriation (One Year)..... | 5,000.00    |
| Income, Emergency Fund .....                                | 19,549.49   |
| Miscellaneous Contributions .....                           | 2,142.50    |
| Purchase Discounts .....                                    | 432.32      |
| Piano Tuning .....                                          | 21.00       |
| Adjustment, Accounts Receivable .....                       | 11.60       |

|                    |             |
|--------------------|-------------|
| Total Income ..... | \$47,156.91 |
|--------------------|-------------|

### Expense—

|                                               | Pittsburgh<br>Workshop | Pennsylvania<br>Association | Total       |
|-----------------------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------|
| Salaries, Supervision and Clerical, Blind.... | \$ 5,554.42            | \$ 3,368.78                 | \$ 8,923.20 |
| Salaries, Supervision and Clerical, Sighted.. | 5,483.96               | 1,653.35                    | 7,137.31    |
| Salaries, Truck Driver and Janitor.....       | 3,182.52               | .....                       | 3,182.52    |
| Salaries, Prevention Department.....          | 760.88                 | 257.50                      | 1,018.38    |
| Discounts and Commissions to Blind.....       | 7,247.92               | .....                       | 7,247.92    |
| Other Discounts Allowed .....                 | 274.05                 | .....                       | 274.05      |
| Emergency Fund Expense .....                  | 2,643.49               | 405.92                      | 3,049.41    |
| Express, Freight and Hauling.....             | 2,649.34               | .....                       | 2,649.34    |
| Heat, Light and Power .....                   | 1,354.20               | .....                       | 1,354.20    |
| Shop Supplies and Expense.....                | 1,336.25               | .....                       | 1,336.25    |
| Repairs and Maintenance .....                 | 1,101.64               | .....                       | 1,101.64    |
| Insurance .....                               | 887.12                 | .....                       | 887.12      |
| Depreciation .....                            | 831.42                 | .....                       | 831.42      |
| Aid to Blind.....                             | .....                  | 760.23                      | 760.23      |
| Printing and Stationery .....                 | 601.24                 | 109.09                      | 710.33      |
| Carfare and Travel .....                      | 264.91                 | 377.05                      | 641.96      |
| Year Book .....                               | .....                  | 601.57                      | 601.57      |
| Truck Expense .....                           | 581.50                 | .....                       | 581.50      |
| Office Supplies and Expense.....              | 548.62                 | .....                       | 548.62      |
| Bad and Doubtful Accounts .....               | 357.00                 | .....                       | 357.00      |
| Telephone and Telegraph.....                  | 305.60                 | 20.94                       | 326.54      |
| Prevention of Blindness .....                 | 244.71                 | .....                       | 244.71      |
| Interest .....                                | 237.53                 | .....                       | 237.53      |
| Laundry .....                                 | 203.31                 | .....                       | 203.31      |
| Postage .....                                 | 169.95                 | 21.68                       | 191.63      |
| Ice and Water Service.....                    | 58.38                  | .....                       | 58.38       |
| Water Rent .....                              | 51.78                  | .....                       | 51.78       |
| Miscellaneous .....                           | 4.77                   | 15.50                       | 20.27       |

|                     |             |             |             |
|---------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Total Expense ..... | \$36,936.51 | \$ 7,591.61 | \$44,528.12 |
|---------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|

|                                                                                       |             |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Branch Allotments from State, Appropriation.....                                      | \$ 3,600.00 |
| Total .....                                                                           | \$48,128.12 |
| Excess Expense Over Income.....                                                       | 971.21      |
| Gain from Sales and Workshop Operations.....                                          | 7,011.72    |
| Increase in Excess of Assets Over Liabilities, January 1<br>to December 31, 1925..... | 6,040.51    |

**PENNSYLVANIA ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND, Inc.**

**STATEMENT, SALES AND PITTSBURGH WORKSHOP OPERATIONS**

January 1 to December 31, 1925

|             | Broom<br>Department | Mop<br>Department | Chair<br>Caning<br>Department | Home Work<br>and Weaving<br>Department | Total     |
|-------------|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------------|-----------|
| SALES ..... | 56,252.53           | 9,930.76          | 3,014.20                      | 14,133.23                              | 83,330.72 |

**COST OF SALES**

Inventories, January 1,

|                      |             |             |           |             |             |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|-------------|-------------|
| 1925 .....           | \$ 6,182.05 | \$ 2,500.78 | \$ 150.00 | \$ 8,806.64 | \$17,639.47 |
| Purchases .....      | 27,410.72   | 5,828.10    | 1,179.36  | 10,839.32   | 45,257.50   |
| Wages, Blind .....   | 17,374.94   | 1,865.72    | 3,297.53  | 7,454.11    | 29,992.30   |
| Wages, Sighted ..... | 4,006.44    |             | 181.50    | 249.00      | 4,436.94    |

|             |             |             |             |             |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| \$54,974.15 | \$10,194.60 | \$ 4,808.39 | \$27,349.07 | \$97,326.21 |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|

Less: Inventories,

|                     |             |             |           |             |             |
|---------------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|-------------|-------------|
| December 31, 1925.. | \$10,736.06 | \$ 1,939.46 | \$ 300.00 | \$ 8,031.69 | \$21,007.21 |
|---------------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|-------------|-------------|

|                           |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |
|---------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| <b>COST OF SALES ....</b> | <b>\$44,238.09</b> | <b>\$ 8,255.14</b> | <b>\$ 4,508.39</b> | <b>\$19,317.38</b> | <b>\$76,319.00</b> |
|---------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|

**GAIN FROM SALES AND  
WORKSHOP**

|                         |                    |                   |                    |                    |                   |
|-------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| <b>OPERATIONS .....</b> | <b>\$12,014.44</b> | <b>\$1,675.62</b> | <b>\$1,494.19*</b> | <b>\$5,184.15*</b> | <b>\$7,011.72</b> |
|-------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|

\* Loss

Our books are audited quarterly by the State auditor and yearly by Main & Co., Certified Public Accountants.



PENNSYLVANIA ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND, Inc.  
 LACKAWANNA COUNTY BRANCH—SCRANTON, PA.  
 STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

January 1 to December 31, 1925

**Receipts**

|                                      |             |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|
| Balance on hand January 1, 1925..... | \$ 301.84   |
| <b>Appropriations—</b>               |             |
| State of Pennsylvania .....          | \$ 1,300.00 |
| Community Chest .....                | 6,519.04    |
| Sale of Products .....               | 16,010.58   |
| Refunds .....                        | 59.88       |
|                                      | <hr/>       |
|                                      | \$23,889.50 |
|                                      | <hr/>       |
| Total Receipts .....                 | \$23,191.34 |

**Disbursements**

|                                           |             |
|-------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Industrial Supplies .....                 | \$10,374.82 |
| Salaries, Wages and Aid to the Blind..... | 6,728.05    |
| Salaries to Sighted .....                 | 2,520.00    |
| Rent .....                                | 1,771.00    |
| Educational and Recreational Events.....  | 144.41      |
| Express, Cartage and Freight.....         | 318.03      |
| Office and Shop Supplies.....             | 162.06      |
| Labor .....                               | 172.58      |
| Printing, Stationery and Advertising..... | 96.34       |
| Telephone .....                           | 59.79       |
| Car Fare .....                            | 36.73       |
| Insurance .....                           | 79.59       |
| Postage .....                             | 51.84       |
| Auditing .....                            | 34.50       |
| Repairs .....                             | 2.25        |
| Light and Heat .....                      | 72.96       |
| Convention Expenses .....                 | 133.00      |
| American Foundation for the Blind.....    | 300.00      |
| State Charities .....                     | 30.00       |
|                                           | <hr/>       |
| Total Disbursements .....                 | \$23,087.95 |
|                                           | <hr/>       |
| Balance on Hand, December 31, 1925.....   | \$ 103.39   |

# WILKES-BARRE BRANCH

## PENNSYLVANIA ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND, Inc.

### PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

Year Ending December 31, 1925

|                              |           |           |
|------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Auto Expense .....           | \$ 444.36 |           |
| Carfare .....                | 167.10    |           |
| Discounts to Blind .....     | 731.23    |           |
| Discounts on Purchases ..... | .....     | \$ 453.06 |
| Express and Freight .....    | 182.85    |           |
| Food .....                   | 141.65    |           |
| Heat .....                   | 597.25    |           |
| Insurance .....              | 156.72    |           |
| Light .....                  | 376.02    |           |
| Membership and Dues .....    | 35.00     |           |
| Miscellaneous Expense .....  | 982.69    |           |
| Office Supplies .....        | 83.26     |           |
| Postage .....                | 58.95     |           |
| Printing .....               | 263.55    |           |
| Purchases:                   |           |           |
| Brooms .....                 | 1,502.00  |           |
| Carpets .....                | 5,992.30  |           |
| Home Work .....              | 134.39    |           |
| Recreational .....           | 546.54    |           |
| Repairs .....                | 1,216.52  |           |
| Relief to Blind .....        | 214.02    |           |
| Salaries:                    |           |           |
| Sighted .....                | 1,612.00  |           |
| Blind .....                  | 2,135.00  |           |
| Shop Expense .....           | 670.67    |           |
| Traveling Expense .....      | 323.25    |           |
| Appropriations:              |           |           |
| Welfare .....                |           | 16,166.00 |
| State .....                  |           | 1,200.00  |
| Miscellaneous .....          |           | 1,517.00  |
| Sales:                       |           |           |
| Brooms .....                 |           | 1,638.02  |
| Customers' Work .....        |           | 14,570.63 |
| Home Work .....              |           | 973.05    |
| Stock Orders .....           |           | 4,016.51  |
| Miscellaneous .....          |           | 131.53    |
| Telephone .....              | 85.27     |           |
| Wages:                       |           |           |
| Rug Department, Blind .....  | 14,821.40 |           |

|                                |          |
|--------------------------------|----------|
| Rug Department, Sighted .....  | 6,257.50 |
| Home Department, Blind .....   | 446.96   |
| Home Department, Sighted ..... | 291.20   |

Inventory:

|                     |                    |                    |
|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| January 1st .....   | 1,412.08           |                    |
| December 31st ..... |                    | 1,785.61           |
| Net Profit .....    | 569.68             |                    |
|                     | <u>\$42,451.41</u> | <u>\$42,451.41</u> |

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PENNSYLVANIA ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND, Inc.

WILKES-BARRE BRANCH

BALANCE SHEET

December 31, 1925

Assets

|                               |           |             |
|-------------------------------|-----------|-------------|
| Accounts Receivable.....      | \$ 147.60 |             |
| Cash .....                    | 135.61    |             |
| Inventory .....               | 1,785.61  |             |
| Furniture and Fixtures .....  | 5,337.82  |             |
| Machinery and Equipment ..... | 5,668.45  |             |
| Truck .....                   | 535.00    |             |
| Land .....                    | 10,000.00 |             |
| Building .....                | 40,000.00 |             |
|                               | <u></u>   | \$63,610.09 |

Liabilities

|                                |           |             |
|--------------------------------|-----------|-------------|
| Accounts Payable .....         | \$ 282.10 |             |
| Mortgage .....                 | 5,500.00  |             |
| Reserve for Depreciation ..... | 3,418.64  |             |
| Surplus .....                  | 54,409.35 |             |
|                                | <u></u>   | \$63,610.09 |

# DAUPHIN COUNTY BRANCH—HARRISBURG, PA.

## STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

January 1, 1925, to December 31, 1925

### Receipts

Balance on hand January 1, 1925.....\$ 838.73

#### Appropriations—

|                                   |             |             |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Community Chest .....             | \$ 4,288.46 |             |
| State of Pennsylvania .....       | 600.00      | \$ 4,888.46 |
| Sale of Products .....            |             | 4,313.01    |
| Reimbursements .....              |             | 55.51       |
| Miscellaneous Contributions ..... |             | 46.53       |
|                                   |             | <hr/>       |
| Total Receipts .....              |             | \$10,142.24 |

### Disbursements

|                                           |             |
|-------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Salaries, Wages and Aid to the Blind..... | \$ 4,203.53 |
| Salaries and Wages to Sighted ....        | 960.00      |
| Electricity, Gas and Heat .....           | 175.70      |
| Express and Freight .....                 | 98.20       |
| Postage .....                             | 13.90       |
| Printing .....                            | 63.76       |
| Repairs — Equipment .....                 | 42.15       |
| Carfare .....                             | 28.73       |
| Telephone and Telegraph .....             | 51.76       |
| Miscellaneous Expense .....a.....         | 91.21       |
| Disinfection .....                        | 42.20       |
| Dry Goods .....                           | 124.45      |
| Educational Supplies .....                | 5.00        |
| Electrical and Lighting Supplies.....     | 6.20        |
| Food .....                                | 7.21        |
| Ice .....                                 | 2.30        |
| Paper .....                               | 47.95       |
| Office Supplies .....                     | 11.25       |
| Miscellaneous Supplies .....              | 18.95       |
| Purchase of Brooms for Resale.....        | 879.47      |
| Caning Supplies .....                     | 451.94      |
| Weaving Supplies .....                    | 700.97      |
| Knitting Supplies .....                   | 6.82        |
| Commission on Brooms to Blind.....        | 260.32      |
| Membership and Contributions.....         | 16.00       |
| Rent .....                                | 1,047.00    |
| Cleaning Supplies .....                   | 1.47        |
| Materials for Repairs .....               | 1.12        |

|                                      |        |             |
|--------------------------------------|--------|-------------|
| Paint and Varnish .....              | 7.65   |             |
| Travel Expense .....                 | 17.75  |             |
| Transportation Relief .....          | 3.00   |             |
| New Equipment .....                  | 118.48 |             |
| Replacement Equipment .....          | 4.56   |             |
| Total Disbursements .....            |        | \$ 9,511.00 |
| Balance on hand January 1, 1926..... |        | \$ 631.24   |

## SUMMARY

1. By saving the sight, wholly or in part, of more than two hundred and fifty persons, our association, during the year 1925, at the nominal cost of two thousand dollars, has preserved to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania no less than one million dollars in economic man-power, not to mention the untold personal, social, and other blessings incident to the retention of sight.

2. For every dollar spent in placement work by our Association during 1925, our blind people have received upwards of five dollars. This placement work consists of placing blind people in industry among the seeing, in setting them up in small business enterprises, in soliciting piano tuning for them and in securing them musical engagements and pupils. Practically all of this money, approximately sixty-four hundred dollars went directly to them and does not appear on the books of the Association.

3. For each one dollar received by the Association, in all its branches, from philanthropic sources, whether state, city, community chests, or private subscription, approximately one dollar and twenty cents has been paid over to our blind in salaries, wages, commissions or relief, aggregating approximately eighty-four thousand dollars paid our blind people during the year 1925. In case of the Pittsburgh Workshop, however, the largest and oldest branch of the Association, one dollar and seventy-two cents was paid to the blind for each one dollar of philanthropic money used in operation.

4. The gross expenditure of the Association, including all its branches, was something over two and one-half percent greater in 1925 than it was in 1924; but the gross amount received by the blind the later year was close to seventeen percent greater than it was the former year. The gross amount received by the blind approximates forty-three percent of the total expenditure, while the gross amount paid all seeing helpers in salaries, wages, and discounts approximates only fourteen percent of the total expenditure.

5. You can do one of four things by contributing ten dollars to the Pennsylvania Association for the Blind, Inc. (a) Save the sight of one person wholly or in part. (b) Enable a blind person in industry among the seeing or in a small business enterprise of his own to earn fifty dollars. (c) Enable us to pay a blind worker in one of our shops one week's average wage of from twelve to seventeen dollars. (d) Enable us to pay ten dollar's actual financial relief to some needy blind person. (See financial statements pages 42-50).

H. R. LATIMER, Ph. B., Executive Secretary



## STAFF OF THE ASSOCIATION AND BRANCHES

Executive Secretary of the Association and Director of Pittsburgh Branch

H. R. Latimer, Ph. B.

General Bookkeeper

Mrs. Nelle Wilson

Field Representative (Lions' Clubs Campaign)

Hon. Henry E. Lanus

Supervisor of Prevention of Blindness Department

Mrs. Etta M. Kelley, R. N.

Employment Solicitor

Guy H. Nickeson

Publicity Agent

Wesley C. Stevens

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Supervisor of Women's Work and Weaving, Pittsburgh Branch

Mrs. Anna E. Amberson

Supervisor of Men's Department, Pittsburgh Branch

Harry L. Glickson

Secretary of the Wilkes-Barre Branch

Miss Arline Phillips

Superintendent of the Lackawanna County Branch, Scranton, Pa.

Francis S. Graves

Supervisor of the Dauphin County Branch, Harrisburg, Pa.

Miss M. Pearl Mason

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**Committee on Finance**—Frank Wilbur Main, Chairman; John Dimling, James McA. Duncan, William A. Kober, John E. Potter.

**Committee on Registration and Membership**—W. A. Royston, Jr., Chairman; William Frew, Francis A. Keating, James C. Read, Mrs. Moses Ruslander, James McA. Duncan (Ex Officio), John E. Potter (Ex Officio).

**Committee on Prevention of Blindness and Conservation of Vision**—Dr. W. W. Blair, Chairman; Dr. G. A. Holliday, Dr. S. L. Kock, Bradley S. Joice, Dr. J. C. Markel, Dr. I. D. Metzger, Dr. S. B. Moon Dr. J. F. Murdock, Dr. Stanley Smith.

**Committee on General State Employment**—Bradley S. Joice, Chairman; Phillip N. Harrison, Mrs. Sol Abbott, Mrs. Robert C. Mulhattan, Miss Lyde Kerr Wilson.

**Committee on Social Service and Entertainment**—Mrs. Moses Ruslander, Chairman; Mrs. F. S. Smith, Vice-Chairman; Mrs. Nelle Wilson, Secretary; Mrs. L. H. Frederick, Treasurer; Mrs. D. T. Jonas, Chairman of Sub-Committee on Reading and Entertainment; Mrs. Sol Abbott, Mrs. Edgar P. Albright, Mrs. Franklin A. Ammon, Mrs. W. C. Armstrong, Mrs. M. Aronson, Mrs. J. S. Auen, Mrs. Leon G. Ball, Mrs. F. B. Balmer, Mrs. James E. Bay, Mrs. R. D. Beardsley, Mrs. N. H. Bertram, Mrs. Anna Bole, Mrs. J. W. Briggs, Mrs. W. C. Bright, Mrs. Richard Brown, Mrs. W. M. Brown, Mrs. Ada F. Buerger, Mrs. Joseph Bennett, Mrs. E. L. Chaffee, Mrs. C. M. Corbit, Mrs. H. R. Cornfield, Mrs. Zena Cox, Mrs. Harry Diamond, Mrs. Edmond Englert, Mrs. A. L. Filmore, Mrs. W. J. Fendner, Mrs. Max Fischer, Mrs. Walter Fleming, Mrs. Robert Forney, Mrs. W. K. Foster, Mrs. Mary E. Fox, Mrs. A. G. H. Frazier, Mrs. L. H. Frederick, Mrs. W. S. Fulton, Mrs. David Geismar, Mrs. Charles Goldsmit, Mrs. Malcolm Goldsmith, Mrs. H. C. Gray, Mrs. Harriet Noble Green, Mrs. Louis A. Green, Mrs. W. G. Green, Miss Minna Grine, Miss Millie Haas, Mrs. R. A. Haddock, Mrs. William Hanlon, Mrs. Samuel Hedger, Miss Birdie Hyman, Mrs. Alexander Jacobi, Mrs. D. T. Jonas, Miss Lena Katz, Mrs. L. F. Kohl, Mrs. J. B. Kreider, Mrs. Louis Lasday, Mrs. William Lasday, Mrs. William F. Lawley, Mrs. W. H. Lensner, Mrs. J. H. Lesley, Mrs. Charles B. Lewellyn, Mrs. Nancy H. Lovett, Mrs. J. A. Lovett, Mrs. George E. Long, Mrs. T. T. Lowman, Mrs. Harry Lumer, Miss Anna Lyons, Mrs. C. P. MacLaughlin, Mrs. Ella McCarty, Mrs. P. B. McWilliams, Mrs. W. J. Malwood, Mrs. William I. Miller, Mrs. I. S. Miller, Mrs. Howard Montgomery, Mrs. E. L. Marshall, Mrs. Elizabeth J. Moore, Mrs. Robert C. Mulhattan, Mrs. H. W. Myer, Mrs. H. C. Neigh, Mrs. F. Newman, Mrs. F. S. Nickolas, Mrs. Harry Nuttall, Mrs. Bennie Neiman, Mrs. E. J. Orth, Mrs. Mattie Patterson, Mrs. J. E. Powell,

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**Committee on Pittsburgh Workshop for the Blind, Inc. (Pittsburgh Branch)**—Bradley S. Joice, Chairman; Phillip N. Harrison, Mrs. Sol Abbott, Mrs. Robert C. Mulhatten, Miss Lyde Kerr Wilson.

**Sub-Committee on Variety and Sale of Products**—Mrs. Robert C. Mulhatten, Miss Lyde Kerr Wilson, Mrs. Sol Abbott.

**Committee on Lackawanna County Branch**—Col. L. A. Watres, President; Rt. Rev. M. J. Hoban, Rev. W. L. Sawtelle, Hon. M. F. Sando, Mrs. George G. Brooks, Vice-Presidents; Mrs. W. D. Boyer, Secretary; R. M. Goldsmith, Treasurer; Miss Mary B. Coursen, Assistant-Treasurer; Rev. W. W. Beach, D. D., Mrs. Paul B. Belin, Mrs. Charles Dorrance, C. C. Ferber, Mrs. W. G. Fulton, Miss Anna Hoban, J. D. James, Miss Emma J. Lewis, Mrs. F. E. Platt, Miss Elsa Roos, Mrs. Charles Rowland.

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**Committee on Danphin County Branch**—John William Rodenhaver, Chairman; Mrs. C. Valentine Kirby, Vice-Chairman; Mrs. A. S. Koser, Treasurer; Mrs. Walter Spofford, Secretary; Mrs. George H. Ashley, Mrs. J. W. Bowman, John F. Dapp, Mrs. A. E. Etter, Mrs. John Fox, Dr. Clyde H. Garwood, Mrs. L. B. Geiger, Miss Katherine Hemler, Floyd Hopkins, Gilbert W. Mattson, Mrs. Charles H. Miner, Austin N. Miller, Mrs. Charles Ryder, Dr. Frank Reiter, Mrs. William G. Schooley, Mrs. E. J. Stackpole, Mrs. David E. Tracey.

Committees of the following Clubs have conducted special sales of goods made by the Blind, or have worked in connection with the Pittsburgh Workshop for the Blind, cutting, sewing carpet rags or otherwise aiding in the preparation of materials for articles to be made by the blind workers:—

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|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Allegheny Commandery, No. 35     | North Side Social Workers        |
| Athene Club of Oil City          | Outlook Alliance                 |
| Brighton Women's Club            | Philathea Class of the U. P.     |
| Church of the New Jerusalem      | Church of New Kensington, Pa.    |
| Civic Club of Coraopolis         | Pocahontas Club                  |
| Clayton Mothers' Congress,       | Rosedale Community Club          |
| Eighth U. P. Church              | St. Ann's Guild, Calvary Church  |
| College Hill Women's Club        | Sisterhood of Calvary Church     |
| Community and Get-Together       | Sisterhood of Rodef Shalom       |
| Club of Upper St. Clair Town-    | South Hills Women's Club         |
| ship.                            | Squirrel Hill Community Club     |
| Council of Jewish Women,         | Tarentum Book Club               |
| Charleroi, Pa.                   | Thursday Afternoon Club,         |
| Council of Jewish Women,         | Wilkesburg, Pa.                  |
| Mt. Pleasant, Pa.                | Tourists' Club                   |
| Council of Jewish Women,         | Travelers' Club                  |
| New Castle, Pa.                  | Tri-Boro Club of New Kensington. |
| Council of Jewish Women,         | Twentieth Century Club           |
| Warren, Pa.                      | Union Aid and Women's Club of    |
| Country Community Club of        | Jeannette, Pa.                   |
| Brookside Farms.                 | Wimodatsis Club                  |
| Crafton W. C. T. U.              | Woman's Alliance, Unitarian      |
| Daughters of Betsy Ross          | Church.                          |
| Dormont New Century Club         | Woman's Civic Club of Brookline  |
| Edgeworth Women's Club           | Woman's Civic Club of Crafton    |
| Federated Women's Club of        | Woman's Civic Club of Emsworth   |
| New Castle, Pa.                  | Woman's Civic Club of Wilkins-   |
| Fortnightly Review               | burg.                            |
| Forum Club                       | Woman's Club of Ambridge         |
| Hebrew Ladies' Hospital Aid      | Woman's Club of Aspinwall        |
| Society                          | Woman's Club of Apollo           |
| Historical Society               | Woman's Club of Beechview        |
| Housekeepers' Club               | Woman's Club of Bradford         |
| Jeannette Foster Goldman         | Woods                            |
| Sewing Club                      | Woman's Club of Bridgeville      |
| Junior Women's Club of Clear-    | Woman's Club of Brookline        |
| field.                           | Woman's Club of Bulter           |
| Knoxville Library Club           | Woman's Club of Carnegie         |
| Ladies Aid Presbyterian Church   | Woman's Club of Crafton          |
| Rennerdale, Pa.                  | Heights.                         |
| Missionary Club of State College | Woman's Club of Dormont          |
| Mother's Club of Carrick         | Woman's Club of Edgewood         |
| Neighborhood Charity             | Woman's Club of Hazelwood        |
| New Era Club                     |                                  |

|                              |                                        |
|------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| Women's Club of Homewood     | Woman's Club of Sewickley Valley       |
| Woman's Club of Ingram       |                                        |
| Woman's Club of Irwin        | Woman's Club of Sheridan               |
| Woman's Club of Library      | Woman's Club of Wilkinsburg            |
| Woman's Club of Monessen     | Woman's Embroidery Circle of Bellevue. |
| Woman's Club of Oakland      |                                        |
| Woman's Club of Oakmont      |                                        |
| Woman's Club of Penn Station | Woman's Relief Corps                   |
| Woman's Club of Pittsburgh   | Young Ladies Relief                    |

The following stores have given us space during 1925 for the sale of our goods: Boggs and Buhl; Kaufmann's, The Big Store; Kaufmann and Baer Co.; Mannsman's; Rosenbaum's; McCollough and Whitfield; Storeroom of Martin Building, N. S., Pittsburgh, Pa.

### PRINCIPAL PENNSYLVANIA ORGANIZATIONS FOR THE BLIND

1. Chapin Memorial Home for Aged Blind, 6713 Woodland Avenue, Philadelphia, Pa., William H. Woodward, Secretary.

2. Pennsylvania Association for the Blind, Inc., 434-436 Boulevard of the Allies, Pittsburgh, Pa., H. R. Latimer, Executive Secretary. (A) Pittsburgh Workshop for the Blind, 434-436 Boulevard of the Allies, H. R. Latimer, Director. (B) Lackawanna County Branch, 340 Adams Avenue, Scranton, Pa., Francis S. Graves, Superintendent. (C) Wilkes-Barre Branch, 35 East Union Street, Miss Arline Phillips, Secretary. (D) Dauphin County Branch, Welfare Building, Harrisburg, Pa., Miss M. Pearl Mason, Supervisor. (E) Co operating Agency, Salesroom and Exchange for the Blind of the Pennsylvania Institute for the Instruction of the Blind, 1305 Locust Street, Philadelphia, Pa., Liborio Delfino, Field Officer and Manager.

3. Pennsylvania Home Teaching Society and Free Circulating Library for the Blind, 617 Witherspoon Building, 1319 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa., (Mrs.) Isabel W. Kennedy, Secretary. The Library is operated through the departments for the blind, respectively, of the Free Library of Philadelphia and the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh.

4. Pennsylvania Industrial Home for Blind Women, 3827 Powelton Avenue, Philadelphia, Pa., Clara V. Crewe, Matron.

5. Pennsylvania State Council for the Blind, Department of Welfare, Harrisburg, Pa., (Mrs.) Mary D. Campbell, Executive Director.

6. Pennsylvania Working Home for Blind Men, 3518 Lancaster Avenue, Philadelphia, Pa., John H. Meader, Superintendent.

7. Pennsylvania Institution for the Instruction of the Blind, 64th Street and Malvern Avenue, Philadelphia, Pa., Olin H. Burritt, Principal. (A) Salesroom and Exchange for the Blind, 1305 Locust Street, Philadelphia, Pa., Liborio Delfino, Field Officer and Manager.

8. Western Pennsylvania School for the Blind, 201 Bellefield Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa., Bradley S. Joice, Superintendent.



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